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October 2023

News to Know

SFY2023 National Transit Database (NTD) Reporting:

NTD reporting for rural public transit only was due to MoDOT by October 11. If your agency has not submitted the required reports, please submit ASAP!

Save The Date:

2024 Oversight & Compliance Workshops are scheduled from **February 5-9, 2024**, in Jefferson City. Each day will be the same workshop, so agencies only need to attend one day. Registration and information coming soon.

Agreements/Access Codes:

It is agreement season, please remember that agency assigned access codes used in DocuSign never change, regardless of program.

News to Know

In May, the Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance (ODAPC) announced a short series of reminders called **“Back to Basics”** for service agents (e.g., collectors, Medical Review Officers, etc). Doing it right is important for protecting the safety of the traveling public, protecting the integrity of the testing process and making sure that the process is fair to employees.

“Back to Basics” points out the more common issues we hear about regarding the drug and alcohol testing process/program. This is not a checklist for service agents but a reminder that their role is very important and crucial to the drug and alcohol testing process.

We want to remind service agents to, “Do it right the first time, and every time.”

The fourth service agent highlighted in the series is – the Breath Alcohol Technician (BAT) and Screening Test Technician (STT).

To view “Back to Basics” for BATs/STTs, visit https://www.transportation.gov/odapc/back_to_basics

MPTA Educational Series Events

Missouri Public Transit Association and Citizens for Modern Transit to Host State of Transit in Missouri

The transit advocacy organization Citizens for Modern Transit (CMT), in partnership with the Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA), has announced plans for its next virtual “Talking Transit” event, which is set for **Tuesday, October 24, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom**. This event will highlight the state of transit in Missouri following a second historic win in the Missouri State Legislature this year that increased state funding for the second year in a row to \$11.7 million. Pre-registration is required and can be completed online by **following the link here**.

On the heels of securing \$11.7 million in transit funding from the state that is being split amongst the 32 transit providers operating in Missouri, those in attendance will learn about the latest plans for the two largest urban and the largest rural transit provider. The panel discussion will feature Taulby Roach, President and CEO of Bi-State Development, which operates Metro Transit for the St. Louis region; Frank White, III, President and CEO of KCATA in Kansas City; and Dorothy Yeager, Executive Director of OATS, the largest rural transit provider in the country. It will be moderated by Kimberly Cella, Executive Director of Citizens for Modern Transit and the Missouri Public Transit Association.

“There is a lot to be excited about as it relates to transit in Missouri,” Cella said. “This panel will take a look at the historic wins and challenges this year and discuss where each of their organizations go from here especially in light of the continuing operator shortage statewide. We encourage those with an interest in the impacts of public transit access to join this online forum.”

CMT hosts quarterly “Talking Transit” events to keep members, elected officials, stakeholders, transit riders and others in the loop on issues and efforts influencing the local transit system. These educational gatherings feature guest speakers and panel discussions addressing a wide range of topics, including transit-oriented development, safety and security, best practices, service changes and more.

Upcoming Reporting

October 2023

NTD Reporting (Section 5311) – due October 11

November 2023

DBE Reporting for period of April-September 2023 (Section 5311) – report notifications will be sent soon!

January 2024

2023 Title VI Survey (all programs)

All reporting forms and related information will be sent out by Program Manager via email.

Notices on all above reporting will be sent through InTransit. A subscription link can be found at the bottom of this communication.

Upcoming Conferences

National RTAP 2023 Conference

Myrtle Beach, SC

December 3-6, 2023

2023 CTAA Expo

West Palm Beach, FL

June 9-12, 2024

Training Resources

National RTAP: <https://www.nationalrtap.org/>

Missouri RTAP: <https://mltrc.mst.edu/mortaphome/>

National Transit Institute (NTI) <https://www.ntionline.com/>

National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA): <https://ctaa.org/>

USDOT Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc>

FTA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/drug-alcohol-program>

FMCSA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program>

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